Renovation of buildings of rural schools

2069. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the Government run schools especially in villages are being run in very poorly maintained and potentially dangerous buildings;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps being taken by Government to renovate these buildings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) No, sir, in so far as the Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas run by the Central Government are concerned. The Government Schools run by the State Governments come within the jurisdiction of the respective State Governments/UT Administrations.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Universalisation of secondary education

2070. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have taken various steps for universalisation of secondary education by providing compulsory 10 years schooling to all the children;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any meeting with the State Government has been held and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) A committee of the Central Advisory Board on Education has been constituted to examine the various aspects of universalisation of secondary education in the country and make suitable recommendations to the Government.

Functioning of AICTE

2071. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are monitoring functioning of' AICTE" and what are the recommendations of the committee, constituted to look into the functioning of "AICTE";

(b) what are the actions initiated based on the those recommendations; and

(c) whether there is any contingency plan to ensure planned growth in technical institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) Monitoring of the functioning of AICTE by the Government is a continuous process. However, a committee was also constituted under the chairmanship of Prof. U.R. Rao in this regard. The committee in its report has made suggestions, among others, with regard to fee fixation, regulation of foreign universities, distance education, faculty development, provision for women and weaker section, etc. The AICTE has been asked to comment on the suggestions made in the report.

(c) The AICTE has evolved stringent norms and standards for establishment of new technical institutes. The National Board of Accreditation has been set up to undertake accreditation of the existing institutes. Information about technical manpower requirement is disseminated to different State Governments for perspective planning of technical education.

Expenditure on Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

2072. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the funds sanctioned and spent so far for the "SARVA SHIKSHA ABHIYAN"; and

(b) how many inhabitations are still without a school and how many additional posts of primary teachers are still vacant including those reserved for SCs/STs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) A sum of Rs. 5044.-95 crores has been released by the Government of India under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) till 14.3.05 and an expenditure of Rs. 3655.24 crores has been reported by the States/Union Territories by December, 2004 end.